



5 ESSENTIALS TO MAKE GOD'S DIVERSITY DREAM COME TRUE

1. _____ that God has always dreamed of a _____.

All the nations of earth will be blessed by your offspring... **Genesis 22:18** WEB

Jesus ... said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ Go, then, to all peoples everywhere and make them my disciples..." **Matthew 28:18-19a** GNT

I looked again. I saw a huge crowd, too huge to count. Everyone was there—all nations and tribes, all races and languages. And they were standing, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches, standing before the Throne and the Lamb... **Revelation 7:9a** MP

2. _____ my current lens in favor of the _____.

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion in what was known as the Italian Regiment. **Acts 10:1** NIV

How would Peter naturally view Cornelius? Why?

- **Cornelius, a Centurion: A pagan Roman** _____.
- **A person to be** _____.
- **Why this view? It was** _____ **and** _____.

How did God view Cornelius?

He and his family were good people and honored God. He gave much money to the people and prayed always to God. ³ One afternoon about three o'clock he saw in a dream what God wanted him to see. An angel of God came to him and said, "Cornelius." ⁴ He was afraid as he looked at the angel. He said, "What is it, Lord?" The angel said, "Your prayers and your gifts of money have gone up to God. He has remembered them. ⁵ Send some men to the city of Joppa and ask Simon Peter to come here. ⁶ He is living with Simon, the man who works with leather. His house is by the sea-shore. He will tell you what you must do." ⁷ The angel left him. Then Cornelius called two of his servants and a religious soldier who took care of him. ⁸ He told what had happened. Then he sent them to Joppa. **Acts 10:2-8** NLV

- **As a _____ man, a _____ of his family, God- _____, a _____, _____, _____, and _____.**
God views him as a person to be _____.

3. _____ stubborn _____ and embrace humble _____.

The next day they went on their way. About noon they were ... near the town. At this time Peter went up on the roof to pray. ¹⁰ He became very hungry and wanted something to eat. While they were getting food ready to eat, he saw in a dream things God wanted him to see. ¹¹ He saw heaven open up and something like a large linen cloth being let down to earth by the four corners. ¹² On the cloth were all kinds of four-footed animals and snakes of the earth and birds of the sky. ¹³ A voice came to him, "Get up, Peter, kill something and eat it." ¹⁴ Peter said, "No, Lord! I have never eaten anything that our Law says is unclean." ¹⁵ The voice said the second time, "What God has made clean you must not say is unclean." ¹⁶ This happened three times. Then it was taken back to heaven. **Acts 10:9-16** NLV

- **When I say "_____", it reveals that I have _____!**

Peter thought about the meaning of the dream. The men that Cornelius had sent came... were standing by the gate asking about Simon's house. ¹⁸ They called to ask if Simon Peter was staying there. ¹⁹ Peter was still thinking about the dream when the Holy Spirit said to him, "See, three men are looking for you. ²⁰ Get up. Go down and go with them. Do not doubt if you should go, because I sent them." ²¹ Peter went down to the men who had been sent by Cornelius. He said, "I am the one you are looking for. Why have you come?" ²² They said, "Cornelius sent us. He is a captain and a good man and he honors God. The whole Jewish nation can say this is true. An angel from God told him to send for you. He asks you to come to his house. He wants to hear what you have to say." ²³ Peter asked them to come in and stay with him for the night. The next day he went with them. Some of the brothers from Joppa went along. ²⁴ The next day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was looking for them. He had gathered all his family and close friends at his house. ²⁵ When Peter came, Cornelius got down at his feet and worshipped him. ²⁶ But Peter raised him up and said, "Get up! I am just a man like you." ²⁷ As Peter spoke with Cornelius, he went into the house and found a large group of people gathered together. ²⁸ Peter said to them, "You know it is against our Law for a Jew to visit a person of another nation. But God has shown me I should not say that any man is unclean. ²⁹ For this reason I came as soon as you sent for me. But I want to ask you why you sent for me?" ³⁰ Cornelius said, "Four days ago at three o'clock in the afternoon I was praying here in my house. All at once, I saw a man standing in front of me. He had on bright clothes. ³¹ He said to me, 'Cornelius, God has heard your prayers and has remembered your gifts of love. ³² You must send to Joppa and ask Simon Peter to come here. He is staying at the house of Simon, the man who works with leather. His house is by the sea-shore.' ³³ I sent for you at once. You have done well to come. We are all here and God is with us. We are ready to hear whatever the Lord has told you to say." **Acts 10:17-33** NLV